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## AMENDMENT

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## I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

This paper is being filed in response to the Final Office Action dated September 8, 2005.

Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 15 of this paper.